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SUBJECT: FOREIGN GOLD COINS

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1. ONLY ONE TYPE OF GOLD COIN ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY IS CONSIDERED LEGAL TENDER. FIFTY SUCH COINS WERE ISSUED IN 1968 TO COMMERATE THE WAR OF THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE WHICH OCCURRED 100 YEARS EARLIER. A DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS. WEIGHT 46.08 GRAMS; GOLD CONTENT 900/1000; DIAMETER 38MM; THICKNESS 4MM. THE FACE OF THE COIN CONTAINS THE HEAD OF ALFREDO STROESSNER PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY. BELOW IT IS "1968/1973". ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE COIN "10,000 GUARANIES" IS WRITTEN. BELOW IT IS THE SEAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. BELOW IT ARE THE WORDS "REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY". ENGRAVED ON THE EDGE OF THE COIN ARE THE WORDS "CENTENARIO DE LA EPOPEYA NACIONAL".

2. EACH COIN HAS A FACE VALUE OF ABOUT $75. ALTHOUGH THE COINS ARE CONSIDERED LEGAL TENDER THEY WERE NEVER USED AS SUCH AS THEY HAVE BECOME A COLLECTOR'S ITEM. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT EACH COIN IS NOW WORTH $4000 TO $5000.
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